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Comprehensive Community Plan

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SECTION II

COMMUNITY TEAM

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Description of Team

The Four-County Coalition Team, with Healing Hearts & Families as the administrative agency, functions as the development and advisory committee to assist with the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan. The Four-County Coalition Team is comprised of representatives from Healing Hearts & Families, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, local schools, the faith community, law enforcement, service providers, and community members at large. The team has been in existence for the last 9 years. Even with the lead agency changing to Healing Hearts and Families when CEDARS closed the programs in central Nebraska the team continued to pursue the goals listed in the plan. The team attempts to meet quarterly and meets more regularly during the year of developing the new three year plan than in years when we are implementing the plan. In the planning years we have in-depth discussions on what our priorities should be as well as what goals have been met.

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Section III

Community Socio-Economics

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Multi County Description

The Four-County Coalition comprising this plan is located in central Nebraska which is primarily rural communities, with sparse populations. The four counties comprising this plan are similar in many ways, but also are unique and diverse. All of the four counties report having 98 percent Caucasian population but then the other 2 percent of the population in each county varies. Each of the four counties will be described individually.

CUSTER COUNTY

Community Description

Custer County is the largest county of the four, both in terms of size and population. Custer County encompasses 2,576 square miles and the county seat of Broken Bow, population 3,559 is the major commercial center of the county. The other towns in the county are Anselmo (145), Ansley (441), Arnold (597), Berwyn (83), Callaway (539), Comstock (93), Mason City (171), Merna (363), Milburn (unincorporated), Oconto (151), Sargent (525), Weissert (unincorporated), and Westerville (unincorporated).^{*} The county is bordered by nine other rural counties. The nearest metropolitan statistical area in Nebraska is Lincoln, approximately 200 miles to the southeast. The nearest larger cities are North Platte, approximately 75 miles to the southwest, Kearney, approximately 65 miles to the southeast and Grand Island, approximately 80 miles to the east southeast. The Middle Loup River and The South Loup river run from the northwest to the southeast through the county. The county is traversed east and west by State Highways 92 and 70. State Highways 2 and 40 intersect the county from northwest and southeast. State Highways 40, 47, and 21 cross north/south through parts of the county. State Highway 183 traverses the county north/south in the eastern part of the county. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad runs alongside State Highway 2 and intersects the towns of Anselmo, Merna, Broken Bow, Berwyn, and Ansley.

^{*}Source: U.S. Census 2010 – Nebraska Quickfact Finder

Custer County, with 4 persons per square mile, had a total population of 10,939 in 2010. The number of people under 18 years of age in 2010 in Custer County is 23.2%, which is quite comparable to the state statistic of 25.0%. Of note, persons 65 years old or older are at 20.7% in Custer County, while statewide the number is 13.6%. Median household income is \$42,364 (2010) which is \$6,978 below state median income. The economy of Custer County centers around agriculture (corn, soy beans, wheat, alfalfa, prairie hay), with the fourth

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largest beef cow inventory in the nation. The county also derives economic viability from hog operations, manufacturing, the railroad industry, trucking, education, and various retail sales.

According to the Nebraska Department of Education, the number of school age children in Custer County has decreased by 17 percent, from 2,111 in 2007 to 1754 in 2012.

Community Profile

There are 6 public school districts in Custer County. These include Broken Bow Public School, Anselmo-Merna Public School, Ansley Public School, Callaway Public School, Sargent Public School, and Arnold Public School. There are no private schools in Custer County. The Sandhills Telecommunication Education Project (STEP) is a fiber optic satellite distance learning program that is being utilized by Broken Bow, Ansley, Anselmo-Merna and Sargent Schools for cooperative learning. Special education is provided as needed to children through ESU #10.

Mid Plains Community College of North Platte has an extended Campus in Broken Bow and offers courses through the school systems in Broken Bow, Merna, Callaway, and Sargent. The University of Nebraska at Kearney is 65 miles southeast of Broken Bow and offers bachelor and advanced degrees with many courses being offered through distance learning. Central Community College at Grand Island also attracts many people from the area for a variety of education options. Custer County Extension Office also offers a wide variety of educational programs and the 4H Program for youth throughout the area.

There are several public libraries throughout Custer County. The Broken Bow Public Library has about 30,000 books and magazines, information/education videotapes, and books-on-tape. The Brenizer Public Library at Merna and the Finch Memorial Library at Arnold also have a wide selection of books, magazines and videos. All have computers for public use with internet access, story hour for pre-school children, summer reading programs for elementary children and art exhibits.

Custer County has a newly renovated movie theater in Broken Bow, bowling alleys in Broken Bow and Arnold, golf courses in Broken Bow, Arnold, and Callaway. Broken Bow has indoor/outdoor tennis courts, swimming pool, baseball fields, several public parks, basketball courts, and a stocked 5 acre lake. Pressey Park is located 4 miles north of Oconto and offers camping, swimming, and picnic areas. Victoria Springs State Recreation Area is located 6 miles east of Anselmo and offers camping, fishing, picnic areas, paddle boats, and ball fields.

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There are 44 churches located throughout Custer County. Most offer educational and recreational programs for youth, adults and families. A ministerial association assists the churches in working together.

The Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center located in Broken Bow. This modern facility which has been renovated to include 23 private rooms is a multiphasic unit, with a long-term care facility, an Assisted Living Center, and a medical clinic attached. The Callaway District Hospital, is a twelve bed facility with two physicians and two physician's assistants on staff. Doctors are also available at clinics in Ansley, Sargent & Arnold. Custer County also has adult day care, home health care services, and several senior centers. There are also several dentists, chiropractors, physical therapists, optometrists, pharmacists, and an occupational therapist located in Custer County.

Custer County has a local am/fm radio station, 3 newspapers and cable television.

Law enforcement is provided throughout Custer County by the Sheriff's Office. The towns of Broken Bow, Callaway, Arnold, Ansley, Mason City, and Sargent also have City Police Departments. The Sheriff's office is located in Broken Bow and includes 6 officers, 6 patrol cars, a 28 unit jail and an active volunteer sheriff's posse. Troop D of the Nebraska State Patrol is located at North Platte and covers 23 counties. There are 52 officers headquartered in North Platte and 5 are stationed in Broken Bow.

Valley County

Community Description

Valley County, an exclusively rural county of 4,260 residents, encompasses 568 square miles and its seat is Ord (2,112). The county is bordered on all sides by other rural Nebraska counties. There are 3 other communities in Valley County. These communities are Arcadia (311), Elyria (51), and North Loup (297).* The county's population has increased 1.9 percent since 2000. The Calamus River runs through the northern part of the county from northwest to southeast, and the Middle Loup River runs through the southwest corner of the county from northwest to southeast. Davis Creek Reservoir is located in the southeast corner of the county. State Highway 22 run east/west, while State Highway 70 traverses north/south through the center of the county. State Highway 11, a scenic byway traverses the county from the northwest corner to the southeast corner. Fort Hartsuff State Historical Park is located on the northern border of the

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county. The nearest metropolitan statistical area is Lincoln, Nebraska, approximately 170 miles to the southeast. The nearest larger cities are Kearney, Nebraska, approximately 70 miles to the south or Grand Island, Nebraska, approximately 70 miles to the southeast.

*Source: U.S. Census 2010 – Nebraska Quickfact Finder

Valley County, with 7.5 persons per square mile, had a total population of 4,128 in 2008. The number of persons under 18 years of age in Valley County in 2010 was 21.9% which is somewhat lower than the state statistic of 25%. As noted in Custer County, the number of people over age 65 is somewhat high at 23.6%, compared to 13.6% statewide. Median household income is \$ 38,588 (2010) which is \$10,754 below state median income. The economy of Valley County centers around agriculture (corn, soy beans, wheat, alfalfa). The county also derives economic viability from cattle, hogs, trucking, education, tourist trade, and various retail sales.

According to the Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, the number of people in Valley County below the poverty level increased from 13.8% to 16.1% from 2007 to 2010.

According to the Nebraska Department of Education, the number of school age children in Valley County decreased by 15 percent, from 817 in 2007 to 695 in 2012.

Community Profile

Valley County has two public school districts, Arcadia Public School, and Ord Public School. St. Mary's Elementary School in Ord is the only parochial school in the county. ESU #10 serves students in Valley County with special education needs.

Central Community College in Grand Island is located 70 miles south of the county seat and offers associate degrees and distance learning allows students to complete a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska. The University of Nebraska at Kearney is located approximately 70 miles to the south and offers baccalaureate and advanced degrees with many courses offered through distance learning.

The Ord Township Library contains about 19,000 books and magazines and has computers and internet available. The library also has an active children's program and interlibrary loan service.

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The Valley County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services throughout the county. Arcadia and Ord also have City Police Departments. The Ord Police Department also has a K-9 unit which is also utilized by area communities. The Nebraska State Patrol, headquartered out of nearby Grand Island, patrols the county.

The Valley County Hospital, located in Ord, was built new in 2010 leaving the old hospital building for a nursing home. The Valley County Hospital provides a variety of services, including home health, wellness center, cardiac and pulmonary rehab and chemotherapy. Specialty clinics include nuclear medicine, cardiology, orthopedics, gynecology, and obstetrics among others. In 2001 Valley County Hospital became a Critical Access Hospital which gives the hospital more flexibility. There are two medical clinics in Ord and also a clinic in North Loup. Other healthcare providers in the county include two chiropractors, two dentists, three optometrists and six pharmacists.

Fort Hartsuff, located nine miles northwest of Ord, was built in 1874 and abandoned by the Army in 1881. This is a popular tourist stop and attracts a large number of people to the area. The Happy Jack Chalk Mines, located 15 miles southeast of Ord on Highway 11, are an underground, honeycombed mine, and is the only one of its kind in North America. The Calamus Dam, located in Loup County and Sherman Reservoir, located in Sherman County, are both designated State Recreation Areas and offer outstanding recreational opportunities to the residents of Valley County. The Calamus Reservoir also is home to Nebraska's multi-million dollar fish hatchery, which is open to the public. Canoeing and tubing are also popular activities on the North Loup, Calamus, and Cedar Rivers.

The Valley County Museum, located in downtown Ord is maintained by the Valley County Historical Society. The Evelyn Sharp Airfield, located northwest of Ord, displays memorabilia of Evelyn Sharp, who the only female commercial pilot in Nebraska in 1938.

Ord also has several parks, golf course, swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, camping facilities, and a fishing pond.

Greeley County

Community Description

Greeley County is an exclusively rural county, encompassing 570 square miles and its seat is Greeley population 466. The county is bordered on all sides by other highly rural Nebraska counties. Spalding is the largest town in Greeley County with a population of

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487. The other towns in Greeley County are Scotia (318) and Wolbach (283).* Both the Cedar and Calamus Rivers run from the northwest to the southeast through the county; the former runs through the northeast corner of the county while the latter runs through the southwest corner of the county. State Highways 91, 56, and 22 intersect the county east/west, while State Highway 11 crosses through the southwest corner of the county. US Highway 281 intersects the middle of the county traversing north and south. The nearest metropolitan statistical area is Lincoln, Nebraska, approximately 140 miles to the southeast. The nearest larger city is Grand Island, approximately 45 miles to the south.

*Source: U.S. Census 2010 – Nebraska Quickfact Finder

Greeley County, with 4.5 persons per square mile, had a total population of 2,538 in 2010. Persons under 18 years of age are 2% below the state average. Of note, persons 65 years old or older are 22.6% compared to 13.6% for the state. Median household income is \$41,181 (2010), which is \$8,161 below the state median household income. The economy of the area centers on agriculture and ranching.

According to the Nebraska Department of Education, the number of school age children in Greeley County increased by 0.8 percent, from 466 in 2007 to 542 in 2012.

Community Profile

Greeley County now has three public schools; Greeley-Wolbach Public School, Spalding Public School, and North Loup-Scotia Public School. Greeley also has a private school, Spalding Academy, which is a Catholic school. Special education needs are also provided to Greeley County students with special needs through ESU 10.

Central Community College in Grand Island is located about 40 miles south of the county and offers associate degrees and distance learning allows students to complete a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska. The University of Nebraska at Kearney, approximately 75 miles to the southwest, offers baccalaureate and advanced degrees with many courses offered through distance learning.

Greeley County has 2 churches, one Catholic and one Methodist.

Spalding has a medical clinic which provides basic care. Grand Island has a large hospital and a variety of doctors to help meet the medical needs of persons of Greeley County.

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The Greeley County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services throughout the county. The Nebraska State Patrol, headquartered in Grand Island, also patrols the county.

The towns of Greeley County each have parks and the town of Greeley has a swimming pool and baseball parks. The Calamus and Cedar rivers provide opportunities for water sports, fishing and camping. Just outside the southwestern edge of the county are the Davis Creek and Sherman Reservoirs where boating and water sports, fishing and camping are favorite pastimes.

Blaine County

Community Description

Blaine County encompasses 711 square miles in north central Nebraska and its seat is Brewster (17). Other towns located in Blaine County are Dunning (103), Halsey (76), and Purdum (unincorporated).* The county is entirely rural and is surrounded by other entirely rural counties. The county has three rivers running through it. The Dismal River merges with the Middle Loup River near Dunning, Nebraska. The North Loup River runs through the northern part of the county, near the town of Brewster. State Highway 7 runs north from Brewster, in the middle of the county, State Highway 91 crosses the county east and west, and State Highway 2 crosses the southwest corner of the county. The nearest metropolitan statistical area is Lincoln, Nebraska, approximately 225 miles to the southeast. The nearest larger city is North Platte, Nebraska, approximately 90 miles to the southwest. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad runs alongside State Highway 2 and intersects the towns of Dunning and Halsey.

*Source: U.S. Census 2010 – Nebraska Quickfact Finder

Blaine County, with .7 people per square mile, had a total population of 478 in 2010. The number of people under 18 years of age in 2010 in Blaine County is 23.5%, which is somewhat lower than the state statistic of 25%. Of note, persons 65 years old or older are at 20.5% in Blaine County, while statewide the number is 13.6%. Median household income is \$39,000(2010) which is \$10,342 below state median income. The economic base for Blaine County, which is in the sandhills, is cattle almost exclusively. The county also derives some economic viability from the railroad industry, education, and tourist trade.

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According to the Nebraska Department of Education, the number of school age children in Blaine County increased by 30 percent, from 81 in 2007 to 106 in 2012.

Community Profile

The Sandhills Public school, located in Dunning and Halsey, serves the educational needs of the county. Additionally, ESU #10 assists students in the county with special needs.

The nearest institution of higher learning is Mid Plains Community College, located in North Platte, Nebraska approximately 91 miles to the southwest. Associate degrees are offered through the college and distance learning allows students to complete a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska.

The Blaine County Extension Office offers the CHARACTER COUNTS! Program for youth, and also has an active 4H Program for young people.

Blaine County has abundant areas for recreational activities given the expanse of riverfront and the Nebraska National Forest located in the county. Of note is the 4H camp located at the Nebraska National Forest. Nestled in the Nebraska National Forest, this camp's aesthetic meshing of the scenic Sandhills with the world's largest man made forest creates a pleasant place for many gatherings. There are also camping sites, tennis courts and a swimming pool at the Nebraska National Forest park area.

Law enforcement is provided through the Blaine County Sheriff's Office which patrols the county. The Nebraska State Patrol out of North Platte is also available to assist county residents. The nearest office of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is in Broken Bow, approximately 50 miles to the south of the county. The county is situated approximately the same distance (40 miles) from two hospitals; Brown County Hospital in Ainsworth to the north, and Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center in Broken Bow to the south. There are two churches in the county.

Section IV

Identified Priority Areas & Corresponding Strategies

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ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITY AREAS

Engage more community and school organizations in collaborative efforts to increase the awareness and improve the lives of youth in our communities.

Strategy	Action Steps	Timelines	Responsible Parties	Resources Needed	Evidence-Based Practice
1) Provide informational presentations to area service organizations to recruit new members who are working with youth in different areas.	1) Advertise and promote Healing Hearts & Families website and how to contact us for a presentation. 2) Attend community meetings to promote awareness of our services and create a better understanding of resources that are available. 3) Post fliers and posters with the contact information and services in the various counties that we serve. 4) Attend school board meetings bi-annually at the schools in our counties to promote the resources and services. 5) Attend County Board meetings bi-annually at the schools in our counties to promote the resources and services.	Develop a recruitment and retention plan that identifies individuals with skills and perspectives in working with youth.	Healing Hearts & Families Staff Healing Hearts & Families Board Members		Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence-based, or promising practice program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The team will explore and develop a recruitment and retention plan that best meets the needs of the team.

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ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITY AREAS

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Strategy	Action Steps	Timelines	Responsible Parties	Resources Needed	Evidence-Based Practice
2) Radio spots with information about our team, what we are working on and who to contact if you would like to be a part of the team along with articles in the local newspapers.	1) Visit with local radio stations about doing informational spots 2) Visit with local newspapers about articles with information 3) Explore other options as to how to spread the word as to how to become involved with the team.	This strategy will be an on-going strategy.	Healing Hearts & Families Staff		<p>Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence-based, or promising practice program?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The team will develop informational to be shared with the local newspapers, radio and school officials to be utilized in the appropriate arenas.</p>

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MOBILIZATION PRIORITY AREAS

Priority # 1

Divert our youth from becoming deeper involved in the criminal justice system through utilization of Diversion Program.

Increase awareness of at risk behaviors among our youth.

Strategy	Action Steps	Timelines	Responsible Parties	Resources Needed	Evidence-Based Practice
1) Diversion	<p>1 a.) Quarterly Meetings with County Attorneys to continue to help build understanding of the program and the available resources.</p> <p>1 b.) Education to County Attorneys and other Legal Teams to ensure that they are aware of the services that are offered.</p> <p>1 c.) Quarterly meetings with the County Boards to continue to help build an understanding of the program and the available resources.</p> <p>1 d.) Curriculum development and revision to ensure that the practice is Evidence Based</p> <p>1 e.) Evaluation development to measure the short term and long term effects of the program</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Healing Hearts & Families Diversion Program Staff</p> <p>County Attorneys</p> <p>School Systems</p> <p>Through The Eyes of the Child Initiative (members)</p> <p>LB1184 Team Members</p>		<p>Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence-based, or promising practice program?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>With the implementation of the juvenile diversion program, we ensure that the program implemented is based on evidence-based practice.</p>

2)	H.E.A.R.T.S. Program (Helping Every At Risk Teen Succeed)	2 a.) Education to County Attorneys, Legal Teams, and Schools to ensure that they are aware of the services that are offered.	Ongoing			
		2 b.) Curriculum development and revision to ensure that the practice is Evidence Based	Ongoing			
		2 c.) Evaluation development to measure the short term and long term effects of the program	Ongoing			
	3) Truancy	3 a.) Quarterly Meetings with County Attorneys to continue to help build understanding of the program and the available resources.	Ongoing			
		3 b.) Education to County Attorneys. Legal Teams and Schools to ensure that they are aware of the services that are offered.	Ongoing			
		3 c.) Quarterly meetings with the County Boards to continue to help build an understanding of the program and the available resources.	Ongoing			
		3 d.) Curriculum development and revision to ensure that the practice is Evidence Based	Ongoing			
		3 e.) Evaluation development to measure the short term and long term effects of the program	Ongoing			
		3 f.) Truancy education to schools/principals, families and community.	Ongoing			

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	3 g.) Education on signs that there is a problem. 3 h.) Better understanding of truancy and how to avoid it	Ongoing Ongoing			
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Priority # 2

Increase awareness of at risk behaviors among our youth.

Strategy	Action Steps	Timelines	Responsible Parties	Resources Needed	Evidence-Based Practice
1) Interactive Educational presentations focused on at risk behaviors of youth in their specific communities. To include: the youth, public, parents, teachers, day cares, etc.	1) Do role plays with students with specific steps for students who are being bullied. 2) Do role plays with students with specific steps for students who are experiencing internet bullying. 3) Educational activities: a) To identify bullying behaviors b) Dealing with a bully c) Concerns of Sexting d) Awareness of safe practices when utilizing the internet e) Awareness of safe practices when utilizing other types of technology f) Sexual Responsibilities g) Underage tobacco use h) Underage alcohol use i) Drinking and Driving Consequences j) Drug education: Meth, Prescription Drugs, etc. k) Alternative healthy activities	The majority of educational presentations will be provided during the school year, August through May. If there are opportunities for presentations during the summer months will be provided.	Healing Hearts & Families in coordination with others as needed such as schools, Law Enforcement, and the Nebraska State Patrol community education division	Programs DVD's Statistical information Role Plays Staff Time	Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence-based, or promising practice program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The staff responsible for these presentations will explore evidence-based programming, but will utilize statistical information, along with a variety of reliable resources to develop the presentations. These may include but are not limited to DVD's, interactive activities, role plays, statistical information from the internet, information received at trainings, etc.

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Priority # 3

Educate our youth about depression, suicide, and other mental health issues; while bringing about an awareness for parents and other community members.

Strategy	Action Steps	Timelines	Responsible Parties	Resources Needed	Evidence-Based Practice
1) Community education/involve ment: Information in School Newsletters or Online Newsletter – Indian Nation, School Access channel, City Counsel City’s website/Chamber of Commerce	1) Contact the schools in the four county area about putting information in the newsletters 2) Develop informational items to be placed on Healing Hearts & Families Facebook page and web page 3) Share information with other entities in an effort to have them place these informational articles on their media pages 4) Utilize the Chamber newsletter to share information 5) Informational bulletin and resources placed in public restrooms.	Monthly	Healing Hearts & Families Staff		Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence-based, or promising practice program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The information shared will be accurate information about the program activities, educational articles, etc.

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Priority # 3

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Strategy	Action Steps	Timelines	Responsible Parties	Resources Needed	Evidence-Based Practice
2) Youth Education: Information in School Newsletters, Online Newsletter – Indian Nation, School Access Channel, City Channel City's website, Chamber of Commerce, Awareness months.	1) Contact the schools in the four county area about putting information in the newsletters 2) Develop informational items to be placed on Healing Hearts & Families Facebook page and web page 3) Share information with other entities in an effort to have them place these informational articles on their media pages 4) Utilize the Chamber newsletter to share information 5) Interactive presentations at the schools with a focus on the above mentioned topics developed for the individual age levels. 6) Informational bulletins placed in public restrooms.	Monthly	Healing Hearts & Families Staff		Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence-based, or promising practice program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The information shared will be accurate information about the program activities, educational articles, etc.

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Priority # 4

Educate our youth about depression, suicide, and other mental health issues; while bringing about an awareness for parents and other community members.

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1) Community education/involve ment: Information in School Newsletters or Online Newsletter – Indian Nation, School Access channel, City Counsel City’s website/Chamber of Commerce	1) Contact the schools in the four county area about putting information in the newsletters 2) Develop informational items to be placed on Healing Hearts & Families Facebook page and web page 3) Share information with other entities in an effort to have them place these informational articles on their media pages 4) Utilize the Chamber newsletter to share information 5) Informational bulletins in public restrooms	Monthly	Healing Hearts & Families Staff		Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence-based, or promising practice program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The information shared will be accurate information about the program activities, educational articles, etc.

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Priority # 4

Educate our youth about depression, suicide, and other mental health issues; while bringing about an awareness for parents and other community members.

Strategy	Action Steps	Timelines	Responsible Parties	Resources Needed	Evidence-Based Practice
2) Youth Education: Information in School Newsletters, Online Newsletter – Indian Nation, School Access Channel, City Channel City’s website, Chamber of Commerce, Awareness months.	1) Contact the schools in the four county area about putting information in the newsletters 2) Develop informational items to be placed on Healing Hearts & Families Facebook page and web page 3) Share information with other entities in an effort to have them place these informational articles on their media pages 4) Utilize the Chamber newsletter to share information 5) Interactive presentations at the schools with a focus on the above mentioned topics developed for the individual age levels. 6) Informational bulletins in public restrooms	Monthly	Healing Hearts & Families Staff		Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence-based, or promising practice program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The information shared will be accurate information about the program activities, educational articles, etc.